

Frances A. Woods  
Journal commencing

January 1.<sup>st</sup> 1853.

Jan. 1.<sup>st</sup> A dull gloomy New years day: dark & rainy. ~~Our~~ family just now consists of Grace & Caroline, Binda, & Helen Eighmy who came home with us two weeks ago today: & ~~Irish Mary Coleman & Edward~~. David has been at the village nearly all the week past. We mailed a letter yesterday to Cornish Lampport & our relative to those books ordered by Prof. Stoddard. In the P.M. Binda & I rode down to the village: the rain is over & is freezing fast: quite cold.

2.<sup>nd</sup> A delightful day. Binda & I rode over to church: the singers were seated in the gallery for the first time.



Monday 3. Carried Cinda over to school as <sup>usual</sup> ~~then~~ went to building a wood box to be <sup>over</sup> curtained, for the west room. Rec'd a letter from Mrs Eighmy, wishing Hellen to come home. I suppose our plan of going to Saratoga to teach must be abandoned as the building we thought to have is already occupied.

Tuesday 4.<sup>th</sup> Carried Cinda over & fetched Hellen home from Mr. Kimsey & carried to the village to take the cars. Cinda came home a foot.

Wednesday 5.<sup>th</sup> Finished my wood box. David came home today. In the evening we visited at G. W. Taylor's.

Thursday 6.<sup>th</sup> In the P. M. Caroline & I went over to Nathaniel's (Mr. Mannes) & fetched Cinda home from school. In the evening we visited at Hyron Woods.

Friday 7.<sup>th</sup> Spent the day home except riding over for Cinda. David went to the village: fetched Cinda a letter from Sarah Stoddard.



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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Cinda & I rode over to Saratoga.  
found Mrs Eighmy very sick of ulceration  
of the Stomach - scarcely expected to recover.  
took dinner there & returned home. A very  
warm pleasant day - prospect of a thaw.

Sabbath 9<sup>th</sup> A cloudy rainy morning. didn't  
go to church -

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Mailed two letters one to George Purdy  
the other to E. Veeder. I spent the day home  
except to carry & fetch Cinda

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> A warm day - thawing rapidly, went  
after Cinda as usual &c.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> A cold windy day, some snow  
last night David went to the Springs & took  
Mary - fetched Cinda a letter from Mr  
Stoddard - he is sick at Eaton, Ohio.  
Esac I mailed a letter to J. M. Palmer  
of Carlisle, Pa relative to opening a school  
there &c.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> A regular snow storm is raging  
cold & windy. Mr Truman came after Cinda  
& fetched her home.



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Isaacment to the village fetched a letter for Ann. Mailed a letter to Mr Wilson of Mt. Carroll relative to opening a school there or at Saranna. David carries Ginda over & Isaac fetched her home

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Ginda & I went up to visit Ann's school. Took dinner at Mr G. Weeds. In the P.M. Thomas Osborne visited the school he is now town Superintendent & very smart he thinks of presiding. Ann has an excellent school, as good as any I ever visited. We came home early - pretty cold night -

Sabbath 16<sup>th</sup> A very cold windy day, too bad to go to church

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> A pleasant but very cold day, the first of regular winter weather -

David & I went over after Ginda, ~~the~~ with Vulcan & Turk, the first time <sup>by</sup> Turk was ever harnessed - went nice.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> A pretty cold day. Caroline & I went to the village in the P.M. I mailed letters to A. P. Smith Lodi, Columbia Co. Wis. C. D. Chle Cold Spring Jefferson Co. Wis.



+ I Brown Jersey city etc. Harnessed Lean  
 alone for the first time - did very well.  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> A cold day. David & I went  
 to Schenectady to <sup>get</sup> trimmings for my  
 harness the cost of which with leather  
 will be 12.95 Silver throughout.  
 Called at Gilbert Taylors & took  
 tea, reached home before 8 in evening.  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> A pleasant day, but quite  
 Friday. cold. Isaac & David went over to Mr.  
 Bowerses & got me a side of leather for  
 my harness. 13  $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs at 23 cts per lb.  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Warm. I drove Vulcan over  
 to carry Cinda & when I come back  
 Isaac & David went after the leather as  
 written above. In the P. M. we  
 carried the material for my harness  
 over to Mr. Hall. Went to the village  
 got a letter for Isaac & one for Cinda  
 In the evening Mr. Weed fetched Ann  
 down. Mary is sick today.



Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> A fine day; we spent it home  
In the P.M. Isaac went over to Saratoga  
attend the funeral of Judge Marvin who  
died about the 21<sup>st</sup> of December at the  
the in Cuba.

Sabbath 23<sup>rd</sup> Too snowy to go to church.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> A snowy day. In the P.M. Ann  
& I went over to Cinda's school.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Carried Cinda to school then A.  
& I visited Sarah Jacks school in West  
District - Came home to dinner - in  
P.M. we went to Rock City by the way  
of Upper tondom, calling at Miss Gardners  
school. A snowy afternoon.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Very cold - went to the village  
with David - called at Mr Fords &c.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> In the P.M. I went to Rock C.  
with David & called on Ann &c.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> David carried Mary to the village  
In the evening we visited at Mr Tru

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> A delightful day spent it  
home. Cinda had no school.



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Sabbath 30<sup>th</sup> We went to church at the  
Stone meeting house - Elder Brandle  
preached. Saw Sarah Billings for  
the first after her return from  
the west - arrived one week ago  
after an absence of over two years.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Spent the day in writing  
Isaac received a letter from  
J. Willson of Mt. Carroll on Saturday  
relative to school matters &c

Tuesday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> In the afternoon we  
went to the village left Caroline at  
Spencer & David at Ballston to go  
up to Saratoga on the cars. Mailed  
a letter to J. Willson & a paper to  
G. H. Purdy, Isaac mailed a letter  
to B. B. Richards. On our way home  
we called at Mr Billings & Johnson's  
fetched Linda home from  
school

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> We all went to the Donation party  
for Mr Beattie - had a pleasant time - met



in the church & took refreshments at  
the house

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Had a visit from Mr. A. Nash of  
Troy; took dinner then Mr. McIntosh  
took him to the village

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Went to the village & got caught  
in the rain

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> A very rainy day, the snow  
wasting rapidly - David came home  
from Saratoga

Sabbath 6<sup>th</sup> A stormy day - no going to church

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Busy sewing - A pleasant day.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> A delightful day. Cinda came  
home sick before noon. In the P. M.  
I drove down to the village: got a letter  
from Chas. in Wisconsin

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> We attended a sewing party at  
Mr. Beathies - had a fine time - Cinda  
came in the evening

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> I got my harness home - suits  
first rate - it has cost me near \$30  
but its cheap at that



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Friday 11.<sup>th</sup> Carried Mr Hall two beds  
& the bedding for two beds & let them  
have the bedstead over to the other  
house & sent & got a cord for  
him —

Saturday 12.<sup>th</sup> A fine day. M. & L. Nims  
spent the afternoon here. In the evening  
David went the village —

Sunday 13.<sup>th</sup> A snowy day - no going to church

Monday 14.<sup>th</sup> A very windy, cold day - no  
stirring scarcely - snow flying — when?

Tuesday 15.<sup>th</sup> Rather pleasant Caroline & I went  
to the village - drove my new harness for  
the first

Wednesday 16.<sup>th</sup> A rainy day

Thursday 17.<sup>th</sup> Cold & windy. I went to the  
village in the P.M. got five letters, two  
for Ann & one for Isaac one for Linda  
from Mrs. & one for Linda & me  
from H. Wilson, relative to our school

A Mr. Carroll, it seems very favorable  
Ann came home with us from Rock City



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> We set out about 11 A.M.  
for Mutton with a company of about  
arrived at G. Tallmads about 3 P.M.  
had a good visit there but was <sup>very</sup> sick  
& disgusted with the company we  
went with; the last time I get  
caught with them I am pretty sure.  
Mr. Kims came home with the local  
Record. a paper from J. Wilson

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> A pleasant but cold  
day - in the P.M. Linda & I went  
to the village & home by Mr. Bill  
King - Sarah came home with  
us, stayed till Monday morning -  
Sabbath 20<sup>th</sup> Linda, Sarah & I  
went over to church. In the P.M.  
we went & carried Ann to R. City  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Carried Linda to school &  
Sarah home & went after Linda -  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> A snowy morning ending  
with rain.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> A very rainy day -  
cleared off just at evening so we all



went to the "Hilton Centre House"  
 kept by J. Rogers to the Convention  
 party for the benefit of Mrs. Love  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Mailed a letter to  
 J. Wilson saying we would go  
 on to open a day school the  
 first of May. I went to the village  
 mailed one to Ella also & Linda one  
 home & Isaac one to B. B. Richard  
 Recd. a letter from Geo. Purdy.  
 Went after Linda & called at Mr  
 Billings. Har. Penfield came  
 home with us, stayed all night.  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Carried Linda to school  
 & took L. Billings out to Galway  
 to visit the Female Seminary  
 & fetch Gertrude back home  
 Had a very good visit - saw Mr  
 Stillwell &c. Called to see Mrs Knight  
 She will come & do our sewing  
 about the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. A very  
 cold windy day —



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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> A pleasant day. I spent at home ~~sewing~~ very busy. Anna came in the A.M. & cut work to make for Linda. Maria & John Chute visited here in the evening. Recd. a paper from J. Nelson in which was published a part of our letter to him relative to our plan for a school with the addition of quite a puff by the Editor & also the Seminary Charter in full. The article is headed "Mt Barre Seminary &c."

Sabbath 27<sup>th</sup> A very pleasant day but Caroline had the sick headache so we did not go to church. In the P.M. we rode up & called on Ann

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> A very snowy day

Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> A rainy day - after school Linda & I rode down to the village.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> A pleasant day. In the evening we went down to the village.



to attend the Musical Convention  
 I received a letter from Mrs P. Blue  
 Thursday 3.<sup>rd</sup> A snowy day again: in  
 the morning I rode up to James  
 to get the balance due on my  
 Rate Bill - Cleared away about  
 3 P. M.

Friday - A very pleasant day -  
 after school Linda & I rode  
 down to the village & got the paper

Saturday 6.<sup>th</sup> A snowy day. Ann  
 down in the morning with Mr W.

Sabbath 6.<sup>th</sup> A lightful day  
 Linda & I went to the village  
 to meeting at the Episcopal Church  
 Mr & Mrs. Fort were here to dinner  
 made quite a visit &c. David  
 carried Ann up to R. City.

Monday 7.<sup>th</sup> A fine day

Tuesday 8.<sup>th</sup> David carried Ann down to

Today I received a letter from Mrs Veder  
 Lease hired a boy today from Washington  
 named Chas. Liron



Cinda closed her school for good.  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> A splendid day for  
riding out, but Cinda is not  
able to go, so we spent the day  
home.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> A rainy forenoon.  
In the P.M. Cinda & I went  
up to visit Ann's school -  
she closed today for good -  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Mr Weed fetched  
Ann down. In the P.M. Cinda  
& I went to the village - Speshy  
sleighing. Cinda bought 22  
yds. silk at Garretts at 11/6 per yd.  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Home

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Mrs. Knights came  
down at noon with Mr. Theophilus  
Smith.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Spent in sewing &c.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> A fine day. Cinda  
& I went to Schenectady to buy  
roods &c. Took the morning train &  
came back at evening.



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sewing all day.  
 sleighing all gone - mud, mud  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Ditto - the same.  
 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> A rainy day. I  
 received a letter from A.P.  
 Smith of Lodi. Wisconsin  
 Sabbath 27<sup>th</sup> I was ready to go to <sup>church</sup>  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> A pleasant day. H. For  
 called in the forenoon ~~at the~~ <sup>at the</sup> ~~to J. W.~~  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Mr. Wed called in P.M.  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Linda went to  
 the village  
 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Frances Mayn  
 came in the morning & spent  
 the day. In the P.M. I went &  
 carried Mrs. Knight's home  
 awful muddy going -  
 Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> Linda packed her  
 trunks & varnished them. I have bought  
 David's large trunk, paid 2 of - he fetched  
 up Linda's bonnet from Miss Jones. It is  
 A rainy forenoon - clear afternoon



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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> A delightful day. Mr Geo. Powell  
called to give Linda a note on the B. & A.  
Bank for the amount due her from the  
District: Our Trustees have really done the  
fair thing by Linda, so much better than  
most districts do, that I think they deserve  
much credit. After Mr P. left, Linda &  
I set out to make calls: first went to the  
village, called at Mr Manns, were invited  
to take some refreshments, had some cakes,  
Lemonade & Orange &c; next called at Mr.  
Halls to get some ~~stamps for trunks~~ which he made  
& sent over at evening (five of them), saying he  
made no charge, but Linda proposed to pay  
him by giving him his ~~Bank~~ Bill of some ten  
shillings. I believe which I think very generous in her.  
I will however pay a part of it. Next called  
at Mr Kinnels & Mr Penfield & then home.  
tired to death almost! Linda & I settled up all  
our account square. I paid her for my part of Ann's  
share in the Anatomical Charts (1.66) & for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
to send Mr Stoddard (2.70) my school bill & Isaac's: yet  
two things remain which I wished to pay that is my part



For Mrs Knight's dress making, which Linda  
 insisted on paying herself for which I feel  
 truly thankful, more especially as it seemed a  
 pleasure to her to do it as a favor & ~~respects~~  
 Sabbath 3. A pleasant day, but unaccountable  
 bad going awful muggy!! Mr B.C. Hill is in  
 this morning to visit Ann. I have a miser  
 headache. H. Fort & Matilda called in the P.M.  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> A cloudy morning, at noon it set  
 to rain. Linda & Ann accompanied by David  
 set out for home David carried them to the village  
 took the 9 o'clock train for Schenectady.  
 I am ~~so~~ lonesome, seems as though night  
 would come - how shall I endure it these  
 long weeks - but then I ought not to think  
 thus but rather be happy in anticipation of  
 meeting Linda, with the prospect of no more  
 separating - <sup>for a long time</sup> how glad I am we have such a  
 a hope for were this separation to be for a  
 long time I should give up in despair  
 G. White called to collect my subscription to Mr  
 Beattie, I paid him. I believe now I have no



debts against me except one to Cinda & that is for her gold pen which I supposed I had lost & forgot to pay her for it, & did not think of it till I found it this P.M. I went to the clothes press to get my lawn dress & what should I find in the pocket but the same said pen. I fear Cinda will think strange in my saying nothing about paying her for it, but yet she must know it was forgotten. Mary Coleman had a great tantrum today about a letter David fetched up from the P.M. today, she thinks some one has taken it out before & now she will not open it herself! She wants to go right down for the rein to see about it. What a fool she is - she has no more reason than a brute nor half as much -

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>. A very stormy day - the snow comes down in a cloud, & mud mud, no end or bottom to it. Mary is perfectly beside herself about that letter & set out, as soon as she got the morning chores up, for the village to see who took her letter - She came home about 3 P.M.



looking like a demon, dragged through a <sup>man</sup> puddle & pretending she had found out that David had taken her letter, but on facing her down to & making her own <sup>to</sup> ~~that~~ she had found no such thing nor a shadow of it but 'pooh' she's too contemptible to notice. <sup>no</sup> ~~own~~ meeting day - the <sup>old</sup> ~~comic~~ are victorious, cheating their entire ticket.

I hope Linda is not riding in this storm too

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> A very snowy forenoon & dirty afternoon

I am very busy sewing.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> About noon Edward fetched me ~~a letter~~ from Linda, it was so unexpected <sup>that</sup> I could not imagine who it was from, but as was none the less welcome in it was a pattern for an oil silk hood for which I feel very grateful, not so much for the value of the pattern, but the thought that I was remembered & my gratification thought of when far separated, indeed this trifling thing afforded me more <sup>human</sup> pleasure than a solicited favor of the amount of it <sup>human</sup>.  
 'What a strange compound is the human heart  
 How slight a cause can bliss or woe impart







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Monday 11.<sup>th</sup> A delightful day. Mrs. Hall is much more comfortable. I think there is hope we get Caroline & rode over to the Springs in P.M.

Tuesday 12.<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Thomas called here. Spent forenoon; they pretend to be very much disappointed in not having me in their school but I suppose it's half gas! A rainy afternoon.

Wednesday 13.<sup>th</sup> A rainy unpleasant day - very busy evening. Received a letter from Linda.

Thursday 14.<sup>th</sup> A little more pleasant.

Friday 15.<sup>th</sup> A pleasant day except windy! Went to the village in P.M. Called at Mr. Middlebrooks & Luthers. Mr. M. has bought W. Arnold's horse for \$15.00.

Saturday 16.<sup>th</sup> Went to the village, took Maria down. She talks of buying my horse &c. I have a Circular of Mount Carroll Semine very well got up - Met with Mr. Thomas <sup>again</sup> he is here about sending Charles west with ~~John~~ John!

Sabbath 17.<sup>th</sup> A storm threatened, but cleared in the afternoon.



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> A delightful day only cool -  
Isaac & I went to the village. I mailed  
a letter to Linda & Circular also a letter  
to H. P. Smith, Lodge Columbia Co. Wis.  
Isaac sold his Oxen Saturday for \$110.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> In the P.M. I drove down to the village.  
A delightful day - did some sewing. Received a letter  
from Kate Case.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> ~~I drove down to the village~~ Spent the  
day home over and sewing. A fine day.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> In the afternoon I drove down to  
the village & met Caroline & Isaac; Received  
a letter from Prof. J. M. McKim & then looked.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> I rode over to Co. Crane's Paper  
Mill to purchase a quantity of paper which he wants  
to buy for me. Received two letters from Prof. S.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Went to the village & got my hat of  
Mrs. Blount. my shoes of Mr. Williams & see  
the books forwarded by Prof. J. M. McKim all  
arrived. Mary Arnold & husband visited  
here today.



Sabbath 24<sup>th</sup>. Not a very pleasant day - spent it home & at  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. Arose early, to prepare  
 our journey. It cloudy drizzly, and  
 set out from home about 7<sup>30</sup> AM. <sup>10:00</sup> AM  
 cars at 9<sup>30</sup> AM. Left for Cambridge  
 at 11 where we arrived  
 about 6. I put up at the "Franklin  
 House" where I expected to remain  
 as I came out from tea I found Ann  
 waiting for me, with her cousin  
 Charlotte Clark, who invited to  
 Clark's we went - 10<sup>30</sup> PM.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>. Went down in the village &  
 got a trunk to pack our books in.  
 A splendid day.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. Had a long walk to  
 see the beauties of G. It is truly  
 a splendid town. Linda mailed  
 a letter to Prof. S. enclosing a draft  
 for the money due G. L. Co for books.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. A delightful day



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> A delightful day. Cinda & I took the cars from Canandaigua at 12 o'clock fifteen minutes for Buffalo where we arrived about 5 P.M. met Isaac there, took tea at the P. Road House then took the Steam Boat "Empire State" for Toledo, put out at 10 in evening had a fine night, clear & still.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> A rainy morning, stopped at Cleveland an hour to take in coal but too wet to go out in town. I should think it a fine town. Stands high & dry. The afternoon, some windy the clouds scattered motion enough to make us some sleep. Cinda lost her dinner by it. Arrived at Toledo about 6 P.M. on the Lake Erie 20 hours. Took cars immediately for Chicago, stopped at White Pigeon about midnight for supper arrived at Chicago at 7 in the morning stopped at the Hamilton House to breakfast took the Steamer Erie for Milwaukee



where we arrived about 5 P.M. a  
passage of 9 hours, put up at the  
American House on Spring.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> A delightful day but I  
was too sick to enjoy it, anything to  
Sea Sickness! It was the climate.

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> A fine day but cool,  
we took a walk in the morning  
up town. It is a fine town, very  
cleanly & very moist too cold climate.

B. B. Richard called in the P.M.  
Cinde dont like the gentleman  
& I cant say I do pretty much.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> A cloudy morning. Spent the  
day in writing & running about town. <sup>visited</sup>  
the Normal Institute Building, called on  
Mrs Lockwood & c. Mailed a letter  
to Caroline & one to G. H. Purdy & c.  
We are well pleased with the town, beautifully  
located, clean & streets wide.

Tuesday May 3. Left Milwaukee about 7 P.M.  
by R. Road for Mt Carroll: arrived in Janesville  
about 2 o'clock P.M. After passing White <sup>well</sup> <sup>water</sup>



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I was much pleased with the country.  
Not much timber. The R. R. terminates  
at Janesville & the stage does not leave till  
tomorrow. Essee talks of taking a private  
conveyance. We put up at the "American  
House" at the suggestion of the Conductor.  
After dinner we took a walk around town  
were perfectly delighted with the place, the  
city, ~~there~~ but eight years ago there  
was scarcely a village, one small public house &  
a few dwelling & shops. Janesville is situated on  
Rock River about 80 miles from (S W) Milwaukee.  
After tea Mr Sax the (R. R. Conductor) ordered  
a Livery ~~carriage~~ & invited us to ride about  
the city, we accepted: after driving about the principal  
streets he drove out on the road to Beloit some  
distance: the scenery was truly enchanting. the beautiful  
Prairie spread out before us as far as the eye  
could reach dotted here & there with farm  
houses, presented a pleasing appearance. We  
returned about dark & received an invitation  
from the same gent. to attend a concert given  
by "The the Small Bell Ringers". We thought it going



two Lar for a stranger & raised ourselves & saying Mr Nash was absent; but that did not satisfy him. he went & found Isaac & invited: he accepted & course to please us!! So we set out. Were much pleased, the music was performed with Bells, sea & oyster shells, quite novel performance.

Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Rain, rain, rain, could not start this morning on account of the rain. Mr Lar bade us "good bye" & returned on the morning train to Mil. The Post Master very kindly sent us books & papers to read, so we managed to spend the day pleasantly.

Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Rainy still, obliged to remain yet another day. Mr Lar returned about 2 o'clock & invited us to go up to Whitewater where we think Miss Ehle is teaching, but we declined. We were invited to round about town this P.M. accepted rode after a \$600 team, but I wouldn't give my Greg. for farther of them. Mr Lay & Mr Rog (the Proprietors) gave us a call in the evening. No one seems to know the most direct route Mt Carroll.



Friday 6.<sup>th</sup> Did not rain, but remained very cloudy. Started from Janesville about 10 o'clock A.M. Mr Day bade us an "affectionate good bye" & asked us to write him when we arrived at our journey's end.

The country to Beloit is quite pretty (14<sup>miles</sup>) but as it was so unpleasant we could not enjoy it much. Did not stop in Beloit.

Reached Rockton about 1 P.M. took dinner. The traveling is perfectly awful. Rained in the P.M. Put up for the night at a private house in the town of Howard at Mr Johnsons.

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> As we were anxious to get to our journey's end tonight, we prepared to have an early start, but it being rainy we did not get away till 7 o'clock. We had rode 1 mile before we got into a "slew" as they term it here; a deep mud hole; broke a whiffletree & two tugs in getting out & finally were obliged to unload all baggage & pry the waggon out. We were delayed nearly two hours. Both of us standing on the wet ground during the time with rain falling.



we took severe colds. After passing over a  
almost impassable road, we arrived in <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
about 1 o'clock, intending to take dinner,  
but could not bring our minds to it, so sati-  
-fied our appetites with crackers, fed the  
horses & went on, after leaving Freeport the  
roads were comparatively good; the scene  
perfectly beautiful. The Prairies are very <sup>very</sup> ~~very~~  
yet I like them much better than the ~~ones~~  
ones. Arrived at Cherry Grove about dark  
& were obliged to put up for the night with  
eight miles of our destination. Found quite a  
comfortable house, kept by ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Gaerner~~ <sup>Gaerner</sup>; has  
a good tea & retired early. We thought to keep  
shady as to who we were but they mistrusted &  
asked if we were the Seminary ladies! I guess  
they were rather favorably impressed, at least  
they are going to send to our school &c.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> A fine day. We had a delightful  
ride into Mt. Cr. We came in sight of the  
town 3 miles from it. good traveling across the  
Prairie, some bad places (sloughs) but we arriv



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in St. Carroll without an accident. Put up  
at the First Hotel ("American House") kept by  
O'Brien. I think our driver was glad to see  
us at our journey's end. He came in & bade  
us good bye & left town immediately; Isaac  
paid him \$20.50. Every one knew us.

Mr. Wilson soon made his appearance  
& invited us to his house: we went, were  
not <sup>at all</sup> altogether pleased with him at first, but he  
improved upon acquaintance. His wife &  
mother received us kindly. We went to M. M.  
meeting in the evening. Mr. Irvine Exhorted.  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup>. Made several calls, one at Mr. Seaman's  
where we take board: at Mr. Grey's, looked  
at the church &c. It will be very inconvenient  
seats to be moved out every week for Sabbath.  
After dinner we went to our boarding house,  
we got our things arranged about tea time. Mr. Wilson  
called. The Trustees met this evening to talk over  
about the school, whether its best to admit little  
boys into the Primary department, some seem  
much afraid it will not be a <sup>by</sup> Female Seminary.



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Mr Grattan the Editor is very anxious & we should take boys &c. We were intr. to him at Mr Greys. Called at Mr Wilsons office with Isaac, also at Mr Grattans & Mr W. owns the Telegraph apparatus here Mr Baily, the Operator (who boards here w us) showed us how they operated. In the eve Isaac & Mr Wilson called with Mrs Hostetator Mrs Halderman.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Have decided to open in the church & remain till Thorps brick building can be arranged for our convenience. Isaac & us today went to Savanna with Mr Wilson. Isaac subscribed for the Mt. E. Republican & for us one year. It came out today announcing our arrival, & quite a puff, thank to Mr Grattan I suppose.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Very rainy, rather a bad communion, we however had 11 young ladies: we all remain together for the present yet Mr Grey offers his rooms for our use. One of our young ladies, Miss Puffer, has been at Rockford Seminary



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May 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>

one & half year, wishes to take Arithmetic  
Algebra & Latin

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Four new scholars today. Some  
have an idea of studying Latin, French,  
Music &c. - They better look at the foun-  
dation first, see that it's solid.

Mrs. Tompkins called in the evening.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Esqr. Goss called at school &c  
A pleasant day

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Pleasant, but very windy. Mr. Sain  
does our washing for us though we pay 18 shilling  
per week for (each of us) board, making  
4.50 for both!! We have had none done  
since we left home, so I did our small  
washing this morning & beside the ironing.  
Mr. Sain is to do our washing, that is our  
large pieces, at 6 p. per doz. Mrs. Wm. Leland  
called after tea. Esqr. Goss also called  
for us to walk although the wind was  
blowing very hard, we accepted & accompanied  
him to see the town & look out a location  
for the Seminary buildings as they are now



agitating the subject of building. They have  
 taken three hundred shares of five dollars.  
 We are pleased with the location of Carroll,  
 on a ridge, bounded on one side by a str.  
 of beautiful water (Carroll Creek) affording  
 superior Hydraulic power &c. Mt. Carr  
 has 760 inhabitants. two "Hotels", Court house  
 & County Offices, 2 churches, several stores  
 one Female Seminary, established by & under  
 the supervision of J. H. Wood & C. M. Gregory  
 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Pleasant, but very windy, prepared for  
 Church supposing we were early enough; but  
 Mr Wilson fearing we were not coming, came  
 for us, saying that there was quite a large  
 congregation as many were in from the count.  
 on purpose to see the Seminary teachers &c.  
 Mr Gre. preached. The Rev. Mr Allison the  
 Baptist clergyman was present. Mr Seaman  
 & sister went to church with us in the evening  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Warm. Mr Wilson says he or Mr  
 Daily will take charge of our Latin class.  
 We called at Mr W's in the morning, also at  
 noon, he is having our rooms put in order



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eight new scholars today. Miss Seaman  
accompanied us about town; called at Messrs.  
Haldeman, Hosteter, & Ervin. Mr. Wilson  
called in the evening to say that he had procured  
the services of Rev. J. V. Allison to  
take charge of ~~the~~ languages; it's quite a  
relief. Mr. A. is just from Philadelphia.  
Binde paid our week's board, \$4.50 for both of us.  
Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> A hard thunder shower this morning,  
cool, several showers during the day. I was  
sick with the "teeth ache," did not go over  
to school at all; commenced a letter home,  
the first since we arrived at Mt. C. though,  
I mailed one to Leaac (directed to Trivolia  
Scoria Co.) last week. In the evening Mrs. Norton  
& Mrs. Grey called; asked our opinion about  
their letting the girls attend parties; I wonder  
if they were not quizzing. Another puff in  
the "Carroll Republican".

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Raining windy & cold. Obliges to keep  
fires today. Mr. Grey troubles himself exceedingly  
about our object in coming out here; he



think if its money alone, we might as well  
leave off now: query, if he preaches for me  
alone. Binda, had an attack of ~~feet~~ head  
Mr Wilson & Mrs <sup>Wife</sup> Fanny Bartholamer  
called in the evening. Mr Rapp & Mrs Jeff  
called after school

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Pleasant but cool. Mr Allison <sup>call</sup>  
to see about his Latin class the day passed  
pleasantly: Called on Miss Pierce, not at home  
called on Mrs Norton.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> A beautiful day. Finished a letter  
to Caroline, Binda carried it to the office.  
Mrs Irvine & Mrs. Brohock called, very interesting  
ladies. After we called to see our rooms,  
look very well; called on Mrs Wm. Halderman  
Mr Wilson & Helen & Melissa called on us.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Cool & cloudy in the morning.  
Attended Baptist Church. Mr Allison did very  
well. we attended again in the evening  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Cool all day. Opened school in our  
rooms this morning. Our rooms are much more  
convenient than the church. we divided



our school, Linda taking charge of the Primary Department & I of the Senior. Linda has 12 scholars & I 14. We made several calls in the evening or rather after tea, called at Mrs Otis & Welch's. Our Music scholars have all flatted out, just as I expected —

Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> Cool, yet pleasant. School as usual. Linda wrote a note & directed a letter to Mr Day of Milwaukee.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Called at P. Office & Haldemanns. I bought a chair for my room. Called at Vellons & bought 8 1/2 yds of nankeen colored Cambric for curtains to our school room paid 1/4 per yd. After tea we went & made our curtains & put them up.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Pleasant. After tea Mrs Allison & Miss Miller called on us. Called at Mr Bartholamews & Mr Greys.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Warm & pleasant; the black boards were put up this morning. Received a letter from Caroline some two weeks ago. Today received one from Isaac. Recd. a note from



Mrs L. Hostetter to take tea at her house  
we accepted, found Mrs Irvine there. He  
plays the Piano very well. Had a pleasant  
visit. returned before dark. A letter from Edie.

28<sup>th</sup> Very warm & pleasant. After tea  
Misses J. & M. & L. Bartholomew & sister  
called. Mr Wilson called in the evening.  
A great crowd today at Savanna, on board  
"Floating Palace"

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Cloudy & windy in the morning. Drove  
up to the Court house to join the Methodist  
Sabbath school. Attended the service of the  
United Brethren. heard the best sermon  
I have heard since I left home. Very thunder<sup>ed</sup> &

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Very pleasant yet cool. One  
new scholar today. E. Emmert. Linda commences<sup>ed</sup>  
her class in Mono chromatic today (3)

We called at Mr Irvine's. Mrs Orcutt & Mr Wilson

by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Pleasant. School as usual. Mr Wilson  
called at our rooms with a Mr. —

& sister, Miss Twist. she wishes to attend school.  
could find no convenient boarding place



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so she came to Mr. Seaman's. Occupies our room for study. She is from Kenosha, Wis. she wishes to study French, Botany & Algebra.  
Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Hard shower, then cleared away very warm. Mrs Hostetter called & invited us to walk out on the bluffs tomorrow after tea.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr Wilson called in the evening: Miss Twist wants a room alone, so he found one for her at Mr Hawley's but after calling there & seeing the room she preferred remaining here. School as usual. We called on Mrs Hostetter who accompanied us on a delightful walk: Linda sent by her to Galena for some books.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pleasant. Compositions in Senior Department.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr Wilson & H. accompanied us to Janssna: we passed over the greatest variety of scenery I ever saw in one day, some of it delightful: arrived at J. about 10 1/2 clock. Crossed the Mississippi on the Ferry boat, to Sabula. there we took dinner. Called on the Rev Mr Emerson, the Pres. Clergymen there found Miss Smith & Cowie, two teachers sent by Gov. Glade. Miss Smith had attended the



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normal school one term but not time  
to finish a course of study there. She joined  
herself to C. v. Lewis Association & was sent  
out here, is teaching some four miles back  
from. Sabula is some 3 miles sail from Savanna  
opposite & a little down the river: it bears a  
striking contrast to Savanna, it being very fine  
& almost an island, too low for health. ~~Savanna~~  
is some 25 years old, (yet it is not near as large as  
Mt. Carroll) the town is immediately on the  
river, the space before you come to the bluffs, is  
quite narrow, so that if the place ever becomes of  
any size, the residences must be back on  
bluffs. I was quite delighted with the place he  
owns there & shall purchase it without delay.  
Mr Wilson tells me he had a man to see  
him about it, a lawyer who wished to locate  
there: he offered \$100 per acre; but W. thought  
it would not do, <sup>for wages</sup> to let him have it. We drove  
up the river towards Helena: the river on one  
side & high rocky bluffs on the other,  
I could hardly see how they ever got a road



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 through there; we then came back to town & drove up onto the highest bluff where we could have a view of the river for some ten miles. Returned about dark: there are some beautiful farms between Mt. C & D.

June 5.<sup>th</sup> Very warm & pleasant. Church all day. Methodist S. School at 9. M. meeting at 1. ~~Quaker~~ meeting at 2. & Baptist in the evening.

Mon. 6.<sup>th</sup> School as usual. One new scholar, Miss Emily. Misses Pierce, Garner & Orcutt called on us in the evening; very warm day.

Tues. 7.<sup>th</sup> Cinda was sick & home till 2 P.M. Miss Twist took charge of her Department. Miss Norton & the girls called in the evening: spoke to her of taking a boarding house for our school, she thinks rather favorably of it. Cinda received a letter from C. Truman.

Wednes. 8.<sup>th</sup> Miss Vandelein & Mrs Grattons sister, Miss — were here to tea.

Thursday 9.<sup>th</sup> We were invited to Mr Grattons to tea; accepted. after tea we had a fine walk; on our



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return we were treated to Lemonade & Ice Cream at Capt. Larises. Very tired

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Very warm indeed. We were invited to go home with Mrs Norton & the girls. Mr. Holingsworth came for us & we arrived at tea about six o'clock. It is six miles S.W. a beautiful section of country. In the evening Mr & Mrs Stearns called at Mr H's & invited us to the next day &c.

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Extremely warm. Mrs Stearns & Mrs <sup>the</sup> Norton came up & took dinner with us; then we went down to Mr Stearns. the have a beauty place, entirely shut in by trees & shrubbery. After tea Mr S. took us out riding: men on the bluffs where we had a beautiful view of the Mississippi bottoms, lakes & now then a glimpse of the great father of <sup>river</sup> water. The surrounding country is truly beautiful.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Very very very warm. We remained at Mr Stearns', attended church at Preston Prairie, Mr. Hill from Savanna preached



June 13<sup>th</sup>

Stearns

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Arose early, very warm. Mr Stearns came & fetched us home: got here an hour before school time, had a fine ride. There is to be a 'Pic Nic' to which we are invited. Friday last, we received the following curious document or Petition signed by some of the principal gents of town &

St. Carroll June 10<sup>th</sup> 1863.

To Messrs Wood & Gregory

Teachers in the St. Carroll Seminary

Ladies.— The undersigned would respectfully solicit your consent: to granting to your pupils a suspension from study & school exercises on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> inst. for the purpose of affording such as desire it, an opportunity of enjoying the day in the country; believing it will be conducive to their health, & result in renewed energy on their part to study. Signed as follows.

Jos L Hostetter

John Irvine Jr.

B. R Frohock

Wm Haldeman

J. P. Emmert

John Wilson, on condition

that it is intended to afford

recreation to the young ladies as a school jointly

(& then followed

the names of 7 of

our gang last

year)



Now, we were in something of a quandary  
what to do, but finally decided that it would  
not be advisable to grant the petition any  
farther than to give our consent for those  
young ladies to go & who wished, but should  
not suspend the exercises of our school. In  
evening Mr Wilson called twice. I was <sup>engaged</sup> with  
our washing so did not see him. One  
new scholar L. Drane.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Were invited to Mr Ervine's tea,  
accepted. Mr Crockett & lady & two sons  
were there. after tea Miss Pennington called  
there was coming to call on us, so we came home.  
Extremely warm. Esqr. Miller returned from  
the east yesterday.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> The said "Pic Nic" came  
off today. we expected a thin school, but  
only two of our young ladies attended, that  
shows which they are most interested in, <sup>school</sup> or  
pleasure parties. A hard shower just  
evening. Linda received a letter from  
Dr. Watkins & Mary W. Mr Ervine & Mr Rapp  
visited our school.



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Warm & pleasant

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> We were invited to Mrs. Nelly's to tea, accepted. After tea called at Mr. Shapers & Mr. Wilson's. Mr. W. invited us to walk out of town to see a farm. Linda thinks about buying it.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Linda mailed a letter to Mary Watkins relative to sending us a music teacher. After tea Mr. Wilson & Helen called for us; we accompanied them out of town as much as two miles, had a delightful walk, on our return, called at <sup>Henry</sup> Judge Emmons also at Mr. Wilson's; he invited us to ride out to Elk Horn next Saturday, some 8 or 10<sup>m</sup>.  
Sabbath 19<sup>th</sup> Very warm. Attended church at the Court House, a Baptist minister preached. When we returned found Mr. Guist's brother here.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Called at Mr. Wilson's after school Recd. a letter from home, Isaac got home the 17<sup>th</sup> all well &c. I mailed a letter to Caroline. Mr. Irvine & Mrs. Kappeler visited our school.



Before I rec'd Isaac's, Linda mailed on  
to Ann, about coming out here to teach.  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Linda has a sore eye, got  
Sulphate of Zinc & Sugar of Lead for:  
I am not very well. very hot!

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> About two o'clock, there came  
a tremendous thunder storm & wind. Mr  
Essex Davis visited school while  
seaman came just as school was out, &  
wanted to get a buggy at the stable & fetch  
us home, but we thought we could walk.  
C. sent us over our Rubber & shawls & Mr. R.,  
little boy, fetched each of us an umbrella  
but such awful walking I never went any  
where. the mud is like walking in <sup>mud</sup> ~~me~~  
tallow, just about as slippery & nasty.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Very cool since the shower. &  
the P. M. Linda remained at home on  
account of her eye. Yesterday we received  
letters from Mr Dax of Milwaukee & John  
Taylor of Springfield. Mr N. Kaldeman &  
Mr Hostetter called in the evening. The <sup>new</sup> ~~old~~ <sup>school</sup>  
School closed today. Mr. Kallet's people went  
to the Exhibition



Friday 24.<sup>th</sup> Linda remained home all day  
on account of her eye, which is very sore.  
In the P. M. we had compositions read &c.  
very cool but pleasant. In the evening Misses  
Hallet, Pierce, & Garner called &c. Miss  
Howley leaves school today for two weeks.  
Miss Garner goes home to spend the Sabbath  
wished us to go with her, but Linda is not  
able to go. I called at Mr Wilsons & Esqr Harris.

Saturday 25.<sup>th</sup> A delightful day. Mailed a  
paper to John J. Taylor & to T. Clute.  
Linda's eye is quite bad; hope it will not be  
serious. After tea Mr Wilson called.

Sabbath 26.<sup>th</sup> A cool windy day: we are both about  
sick so we remained home.

Sunday 27.<sup>th</sup> A cloudy, warm morning. Mr.  
James Furguson called with his little girl,  
wishing her to enter school &c. Linda's eye is  
a little better so she went over to school in the morning.  
We were invited over to Mrs Nortons to tea but did  
not accept on Linda's account. After school I ran  
down to the P. O. to mail some letters: Esqr Harris  
treated me to a glass of beautiful Soda water. Recd.



a letter from Isaac. A very warm day.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> A warm but quite airy morning.

Had a new scholar, <sup>yesterday</sup> in my room too, Mary  
Tridel; A pleasant day. Shower at noon.  
After tea we called at Mr Greys. Mrs G. offered  
to pay for the Familiar Science she took for  
her boy but we declined taking it, as he a  
not choose to take any thing for the <sup>chance</sup> ~~chance~~

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> A delightful. Were invited to the Jones  
to tea & take wine &c. (accepted.) After we return  
home. Mrs Wilson (the elder) & Helen called, also  
Emily Seaman & Miss J. Garner who wished  
to go home with her on Saturday, but kind  
eye will not allow us to go. Miss Wilson <sup>called</sup>  
and spent the evening

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> A cloudy & cool morning.

Received a note from Mrs. Mely relative to Sophia not  
attending longer than this quarter: called on her at noon.  
After tea we made calls: called at Mr Grattans  
Mrs Orcutt. Mr Sains. Mr Wilsons &c. On returning received  
an invitation from Mrs Hostetter to spend the evening  
with her but did not get it till too late to accept. In the



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evening Mr & Mrs Bartholamew called on us, also Miss  
 Pierce & Garner. Rather a troubled day —  
 day July 1<sup>st</sup> A fine day. Rhetorical exercises in the  
 afternoon. Compositions by all the young ladies &  
 select pieces by the majority; also speaking by  
 nearly all the Primary department. A treat of Miss  
 Fanny Bartholamew on the charge of writing improper  
 or writing in Sophia Neely's book. Fanny acquitted  
 by the jury consisting of the whole school. Received  
 an invitation again down to Mrs Hostetter; accepted.  
 met Mrs & Mr Wm Halderman there: spent a pleasant  
 evening. Had a treat of Straw-berries <sup>& Cream</sup> very nice.

Mrs Hostetter played the Piano &c.

Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> An invitation to Mr Nathl. Halderman's  
 to tea, accepted; had a pleasant time. Mrs Hostetter  
 was there — very busy making a flag for her brother  
 J. Groine — assisted her some. On our way home called  
 at the Post office: Mr Harris told us of a new scholar  
 we were to have on Tuesday — a Mr Beavers daughter  
 we were treated to Soda water. A shower at noon.  
 Sabbath 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda is quite sick — neither of us able  
 to attend church. Emeline Seaman has gone out to  
 Elk Horn grove to celebrate "the Fourth."



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Independence day. No school today. Ben  
not being well, we did not intend to go to the  
celebration but when the time came a carriage  
was sent for us & we could do no less than accept.  
Mr Reubin Brush waited upon<sup>us</sup> there & Mr Ray-  
son brought us home. The oration was quite  
good - delivered by an Irish patriot, Edmund<sup>Burt</sup>  
A great crowd of people were in attendance: a  
table set in the grove - a good dinner &c &c.  
In the afternoon we called on Miss Pierce, at Rev.  
J. V. Allison's. Miss Perington's. Mr Frohock's.  
Mr Irvin's & Mr Wilson's & finally at the Post Office  
I rec'd. two letters & a circular.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Two new scholars & ~~three~~ <sup>now</sup> left. <sup>one</sup>  
ones are Mr "Jack Beavers" daughters. Those <sup>left</sup>  
are Mr Bartholamew's, as we expected. they are  
offended because we do not expel Miss Waly  
for accusing them of writing in her book.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> A fine day. were invited to Mr <sup>group</sup>  
to tea, accepted, met Mrs Campbell there &  
had quite a pleasant visit. In the evening  
Mrs Irvine called upon us. spent the evening



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> A fine day. were invited to Mr. Wilson's to tea, accepted: quite a shower at evening. Mr Bartholamew called in the morning & paid his school bill & Book bill, the first was 5.82 the last 4.18.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> A fine cool day. Mr Norton called after tea, also Mrs Dr. Miller. In the evening Rev. C. Gray sent for us to call on him. we went & found he wished to talk with us about arrangements for the next quarter &c. which conversation elicited the following reply. Mr Gray, President of the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Carroll Seminary  
 Sir, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

We expressed to you at the commencement of our conversation last evening, our willingness to continue the school; but we were not then aware of the combination of causes for discouragement. We were conscious of having discharged our every duty faithfully & trusted that we were associated with a community



that would understand & appreciate our motives & do us justice, but it seems we are doomed to disappointment. There is if we understand you rightly, ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> array of prejudices ~~are~~ already engendered which will be hard to contend with. Now we know not to what extent these prejudices may be carried, nor against whom they may rest, (as we were entirely ignorant of their existence previous to our conversation with yourself last evening) but if they are of such a nature as to make our connection with the school a detriment to its interest, we would wish to discontinue that connection at once. Do not understand us that we are easily discouraged - not so - ordinary difficulties, immediately connected with our duties as teachers. I think we are prepared to surmount & were we assured of the countenance & influence of the <sup>by</sup> Trustees & the approval of those <sup>body</sup> who have favored us with their patronage, we should stand firm to our enterprise.

I repeat it, we have discharged our ~~every~~ duties faithfully, hence we have nothing to



reproach ourselves with & have no concessions  
 to make <sup>to any one</sup>. If there were circumstances existing  
 which it was for our interest & that of the enterprise  
 to have been ~~made~~ acquainted, we cannot but  
 feel that the fault must rest with the friends  
 of the enterprise, that we were not earlier in-  
 formed of them: and to expect us to gather such  
 information from the ordinary gossip of the  
 day is preposterous, for gentlemen must know  
 that we as ladies of correct & upright feelings  
 & motives, wish to have no fellowship with news-  
 carriers & scandal bearers: here permit to say  
 we are truly grateful to you & <sup>to</sup> Mr Grey, as the  
 President of your Board, for the kind & gentle-  
 manly course he adopted & as we have said  
 before, had that course been earlier adopted  
 it might without doubt have spared us much  
 pain & mortification & perhaps your beloved  
 enterprise a stigma which we, as we love the  
 cause we have espoused, would most gladly have  
 had averted. And now we ask you as gentlemen  
 & as a committee who have this enterprise entirely



at your control, to scan our every act <sup>now</sup> as teachers & as ladies & if you find <sup>ought</sup> make you feel that we are not the person you could wish to take charge of your sch. to whom you can give your confidence, we <sup>are</sup> <sup>per</sup> you to inform us, & rest assured will not remain in the way of those you may deem more worthy the trust or, if there are feelings engendered in the minds of say you from misrepresentation which shall be prejudicial to us as teachers, let them <sup>have</sup> their full bearing now if ever, for, <sup>now</sup> <sup>assuredly</sup>, if we have fallen in with a community, whose vital interest (the cause of education) is to be controlled by petty gossip & idle talkers, we would most gladly be <sup>now</sup> <sup>from</sup> being longer identified with that community.

P.S. We have come to the conclusion that it will not be for our interest or that of this school to invest our private capital in



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buildings in this place. We hold ourselves in  
readiness to. If it should be unanimous  
vote of Trustees that we remain with  
you as teachers (or here instead of with you)  
we shall feel it our duty as well as pleasure  
to labor indefatigably for those entrusted  
to our care, & hold ourselves in readiness  
to agree to any equitable proposition  
the Board may propose.

Respectfully submitted  
to the Trustees of W. C. L. Seminary  
per Rev. C. Gray.

by Misses Wood & Gregory.  
P.S. Mr Gray will confer a favor by laying  
this before the Board at their meeting.  
J. A. W. & C. M. G.

The above was handed to Mr Gray by Linda  
about 6 P.M.



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Sabbath 10.<sup>th</sup> A very warm day. Attended  
Mr Gray's church in the morning. A <sup>strange</sup> ~~strange~~  
(Mr Mason) preached in the afternoon & we  
attended. Liked him very well.

Monday 11.<sup>th</sup> A delightful day. We were invited  
Mr Jesse Rapp to tea: quite a company present  
namely, Mr & Mrs. Thomas Rapp. Rev Mr Wix  
& lady. Mrs James Irvine & Mr Thomas  
Adamson from Philadelphia. Had a very  
pleasant time &c. &c.

Tuesday 12.<sup>th</sup> A delightful day. Received a report  
to our address to the Board of Trustees as  
follows.

"Mt. Carroll, July 12<sup>th</sup> 1853.  
Misses Wood & Gregory  
Principals of the Female  
Dept. Mt Carroll Sem<sup>y</sup>"

"Ladies—"

Within please find Resolutions  
which now constitute a part of the Record  
of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees,  
the



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the Mt Carroll Seminary "

"Your Most Obt.

& Humble Servt,

John Wilson, Secy

of the Board of Trustees"

(Within was found.)

The following Resolutions  
were unanimously adopted by the Board  
of Trustees of the Mt. Carroll Seminary  
at a meeting thereof held at the Secy's  
Office on Monday evening the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1853."

Resolved — That we highly commend the  
course pursued by Misses Wood & Gregory  
in the discharge of their duties as  
Principals of the "Female Department"  
of the Mt. Carroll Seminary during the  
present Quarter."

Resolved — That the Secy be instructed to  
inform Misses Wood & Gregory that the



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Board unanimously have the most  
implicit confidence in their integrity  
& their ability to conduct successfully  
the Female Department of our Semina-  
ry also to communicate to them that it is  
the unanimous wish & desire of the Trustees  
that they should continue with is in charge  
of the young ladies of our Seminary - and  
we here pledge our United aid in  
their behalf, also will use our undivided  
influence for the success of the enterprise  
by them so nobly undertaken" —

"Calvin Gray Pres<sup>t</sup>"

"for John Wilson Secy"

The above was handed to me about 9 in the  
morning of  
July 12<sup>th</sup>



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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> In the evening Mr Wilson called  
to report to us the business of the meeting &c.  
among other things to talk of an arrangement  
about boarding our scholars the next quar-  
ter. Mr Gray proposes to go on and enlarge his  
house, raise another story & convert it into  
a boarding house for the school. but we  
hardly think it just the thing. nor do the  
committee on the arrangement, so we made  
our proposition to them - that is as  
we had talked with Mr Seaman  
to take our scholars at 1.50 per week, though  
we continue to pay the same as now. Mr W.  
was pleased with the proposition & will report  
to the committee on the subject. Mrs Hostetter  
spent the evening with us &c.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> The committee are out today to select  
a location for the Seminary buildings.  
They ratified the arrangements with Mr Seaman  
about board. After school Messrs Halderman  
& Milson called to report progress again &  
consult about circulars for next quarter &c.



Thursday 14.<sup>th</sup> Mailed a letter home. A very hard  
shower last night. Miss Pennington called  
to see if she could take lessons in French.  
Friday 15.<sup>th</sup> A fine day - our usual Bretonical ~~ex~~  
ercises in the afternoon

Saturday 16.<sup>th</sup> Spent the day in writing. In the morn-  
ing Hostetter sent us a present of <sup>a jar of</sup> beautiful  
currant jelly. Prepared our part of the Circu-  
lar & sent it down to Mr Wilson by Helen. In the  
evening Mrs Irvine made us quite a visit - she is  
truly a noble, amiable woman - if this town could  
boast of more such women our school must  
succeed.

Sabbath 17.<sup>th</sup> In the morning I attended the Sabbath  
School: they gave me a new class & a good one,  
I think now I may attend regularly & with some inte-  
rest. Heard Mr Winslow (the circuit preacher) for the  
first: it was Mrs Edwards funeral sermon. In the  
evening we heard Mr Allison &c.



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> A fine day. Received two letters.  
The Trustees have a meeting again tonight  
Mrs Norton called after tea &c.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> A cool, fine day. In the Republican  
of today, we find published the Resolutions  
by the Trustees relative to Misses Wood & Greg-  
ory, quite flattering.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> A cool morning but pleasant, very.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Received an invitation of Esq. Davis  
to tea, accepted, had a splendid supper, every  
thing nice & Lee Cram to finish off with.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> A fine day, in the evening we called  
at Mr Wilsons to talk over the plan of seminary  
Building, as he had proposed we should draw one.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Received the Reports last night &  
spent the day in making them out for the  
Scholars &c. The Trustees had a meeting this  
afternoon & Mr Wilson called to consult us about  
(Mrs Grattan & Mr Helderman called in P.M.)



the location for Seminary buildings &c. also  
to report the proceedings of the meeting &c.  
& farther, was deputed by the Board to  
invite us to go out on Monday morning w.  
Messrs Helderman & Wilson to visit the several  
seminary sites which they have in view  
& their meeting for deciding the location is  
deferred till Monday morning, after we shall  
have visited said sites & given our choice  
&c. They say as they wish us to remain in charge  
of the school &c, they deem it essential that  
~~we~~ they should make choice of such a locat<sup>ion</sup>  
as shall please us &c. Mrs Irvine was here <sup>with</sup> ~~me~~  
Mr Wilson called & she remained till he  
left at the same time with herself. While  
they were here Mr Harris fetched me a <sup>letter</sup> ~~card~~  
Sabbath 24<sup>th</sup> I attended sabbath school as they  
came down to Mr Greys to meeting; attended <sup>there</sup> ~~at~~  
in the evening also.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> We arose early & prepared for  
our ride. The gentlemen called for us <sup>about</sup> ~~at~~  
9 o'clock: we first visited points ~~part~~ <sup>part</sup> of the



Town & then south - the last one we visited  
 was far the most pleasant, & we expressed  
 our preference for it, to the Trustees. In the  
 evening the committee on Plans for the  
 building called here to have their meeting,  
 that we might consult with them &c.  
 The committee consisted of Messrs Kalderman  
 Wilson & Goff accompanied by an architect  
 (Mr Jeffers) Spent the evening in explaining  
 our plan to them & in their trying to  
 make amendments but they could not  
 improve upon it much!! finally gave  
 it over to Mr Jeffers to make a draft &  
 present at their meeting on Wednesday  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Our quarter closed today, quite a  
 number of visitors were present in the P.M.  
 among them was Mr Armour a young lawyer of  
 the place, who took notes &c. On coming home  
 we found Mr Jeffers waiting for us to get the  
 ground plan of the Seminary building - he  
 seems to think it first rate &c. —  
 In the evening we called at Mr Irvin's



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Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> The Board met again today & adopted our plan of building, surveyed the ground &c. We called at Messrs Goffe, Hostetters, Rapps, Wilsons, Haldermans, & Gray also at Grohock's store & the Post Office Linda received a paper & Philosophical Arithmetic from Prof. Stoddard. Mr Gray is getting out our Circulars. I have also carried him a form to put on the outside of envelope. Mr Wilson called in the evening to report progress of meeting &c. & to talk about a loan which they wish us to make them of about one thousand dollars &c. &c.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Very busy - a fine day &c. Mr Wilson to get our signature to the paper for funds to build the Seminary. We took twenty shares of five dollars each &c. Mr Grattan sent us up some of the envelope he had struck off. Several of the Trustees have taken a quantity for their own private use &c. Miss Pierce called in the evening & paid her tuition bill.



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Before we were up in the morning.  
 Miss M. J. Adams came with a message from  
 Mr. Halderman, inviting us to accompa-  
 ny her out to Cherry Grove. we accepted.  
 & they called for us about 1/2 past 9 - had  
 a delightful ride & were well received by  
 Mr. Garner's people - had a pleasant visit, rather  
 We went out in the P.M. to see a Reaper at  
 work, the first I ever saw in operation.  
 Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> A very warm day. Linda was  
 quite sick, taken with vomiting, towards  
 morning, & sick all day. we came home  
 however immediately after dinner: tired enough  
 & heartily glad to get home again! Mr. Wilson  
 called in the evening to devise means to get  
 rid of Miss Christ - oh dear what a pest to com-  
 munity she is I would have given a good deal  
 "ad she never set her self in Mt. Carroll  
 "both 31<sup>st</sup> A very rainy day till about 3 P.M.  
 heard away pleasant re. Miss Christ's brother  
 is come & I sincerely hope he will take  
 her away with him







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were there. On our return we were  
invited into to Esqr Harrises & treated to  
Ice cream, apples & Soda water.

After tea Mr Wilson & Mrs Irvine were  
here. Esqr W. is very much engaged  
about getting a gentleman teacher to open a  
school for boys & wants us to write to Prof  
Stoddard & see if he can be obtained &c.

Sabbath 7<sup>th</sup> Attended Sabbath school & church.  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> A fine day: one new scholar, Miss

Charlotte Grant from Elk Horn: boards  
here &c. Mrs Ray was here to tea. Mr Campbell

called to say the teachers meeting is this evening.

Attended &c.) after tea the Rev. Mr Clark  
called to see if we would engage in Tract

distribution &c. Our scholar first met here  
this evening to study. Received a letter from home.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> A puff in the Republican, from  
the Freeport papers for the Seminary

& Hot day. Mrs Irvine called in the evening  
We took a walk after tea up to the Seminary

grounds &c.



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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Hot day! Imp. Lat.  
Received a letter from G. H. B.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Mailed a letter to Prof. Stoddard.

Binda was sick in the P. M. & did not go to <sup>school</sup> ~~sch~~  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> As Binda was not able to be in <sup>school</sup> ~~sch~~  
& being so extremely warm I dismissed in the  
afternoon & spent in preparing map skeletons  
for my scholars.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Very warm. Spent the day in <sup>work</sup> ~~lay~~  
out maps.

Sabbath. 14<sup>th</sup> Attended Mr. Allison's meeting  
in the morning. After dinner Rev. Mr. Ellis  
called & invited us to go out to Camp meeting <sup>some</sup>  
5 miles from town, but we did not feel able so  
we declined.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> A Circus here today, very annoying, no  
doing anything.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Eggs Harris fetched up two very large  
Watermelons to our school room as a present to  
our scholars — very acceptable.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Hot. Mrs. Irvine & Bro. Hock call  
in the evening also Mr. Wm & Helen.



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> A great change in the weather  
very cool & pleasant. Our scholars very  
much interested re. Mrs Hostetter, <sup>Y</sup>Halderna  
called in the evening. The Seminary building  
bes between Mr Jeffres & Dennis, contractors

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Cool & pleasant. Mr Wilson called  
in the morning to get some drawing paper  
to have another draft of the building made re

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Washing day. Received a note  
inviting us to Mr Wm Halderna's tea  
at 3 o'clock, accepted: found Mrs & Mr  
Grobeck there: spent a very pleasant afternoon  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> My birth day. Went to church  
in the forenoon & evening. Prof Wheeler &  
lady were here to dinner.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Received a letter, Mr N. Halderna  
t. b. re Mr Rinehart sends Lucy Shaper to  
school & that we are to look to him for pay  
&c. quite generous

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> In the evening Mr Wilson called to  
get a receipt for plaster blackboard &c.



Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1880. Jacob Emmert's child  
buried today. In the P.M. Mr Carpenter  
called with a Miss Thompson from Levanon  
who wishes to enter school; took lessons.



October 12<sup>th</sup> 1854 —

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> A rainy day. Spent it, in putting down carpets in the Lemmy rooms Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 — yesterday we cleaned bedsteads which Mr. Halderman purchased in Chicago @ \$8 apiece — blk walnut & sofa — very neat —